Subject No. 235
Levy of double seigniorage instead of criminal prosecution in cases of unauthorized felling of timber by raiyats.

Summary of discussion.—The rule regarding the prosecution of raiyats for felling timber without a license entails great hardship upon the people and may be superseded by a rule authorizing the levy of double seigniorage from them.

Reply of Government.—Noted. Government can see no hardship in offenders being suitably punished.

Subject No. 236
Inconvenience caused to raiyats by Kalenahalli plantation.

Summary of discussion.—A plantation at the village of Kalenahalli of the Shikarpur Taluk was started some years back. Lands allotted for grazing purposes were also included in it thereby causing much inconvenience to raiyats. The Government derive no benefit from the plantation. There is reason to believe in the existence of several other such cases. Enquiries may therefore be made as to which of the plantations are profitable to Government and which not; those which cause inconvenience to raiyats without any real advantage to Government may be abandoned and assigned for grazing.

Reply of Government.—Referred to the Deputy Commissioner before whom the matter appears to be pending. His report will be awaited. Other specific instances, if any, may be brought to his notice with a view to the necessary enquiry being made.

Subject No. 237
Free grant of wood for improving Sorab town.

Summary of discussion.—The town of Sorab is not in a thriving condition. As this is in a purely malnad tract, the Government would not lose much by the grant of timber free of price to persons desirous of building houses therein. This concession may therefore be authorized.

Reply of Government.—This cannot be done. The prices charged are moderate and no case for any further concession has been made out.

Subject No. 238
Banjar kans should be given for cultivatoin.

Summary of discussion.—The Conservator of Forests has noticed illegal fellings, &c., in Government banjar kans and he is of opinion that it is profitable to give out such kans for cultivation. Such grant is desirable in every way both in the interests of Government and of people.

Reply of Government.—The proposal received from the Conservator is under the consideration of Government.

Subject No. 239
Fire Engine for Shimoga town.

Summary of discussion.—Within the past 4 or 5 years many houses have been destroyed by fire in the Shimoga town owing to the want of fire extinguishing appliances. The purchase of a fire engine is therefore desirable and may be ordered.

Reply of Government.—Provision for a fire engine has been made in the current year's Municipal Budget of Shimoga; but the real difficulty is about water.